

Group II, claims 10-13, drawn to a process for producing an olefin, classified in class 526, subclass 161.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's Restriction Requirement is requested, since no undue burden would be placed upon the Examiner to consider the inventions of claims 1-13 at present. In this respect, the processes recited in claims 10-13 all utilize an olefin polymerization catalyst as recited in claims 1-9. As such, a proper search of Applicant's method claims would also require consideration of Applicant's catalyst claims. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding Restriction Requirement and consider the patentability of pending claims 1-13 at present.

Although Applicant traverses the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, he realizes that a response must be made thereto. Accordingly, Applicant elects, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of claims 1-9 at present.

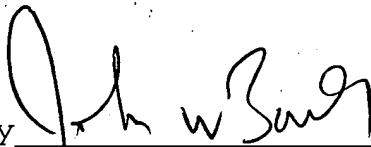
Upon indication of allowable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin method claims 10-13 under the provisions of MPEP § 821.04.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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